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FALL 'BOOZE IT & LOSE IT' CAMPAIGN NETS 3,258 DWI ARRESTS
More Than 100,000 Traffic and Criminal Violations Statewide During Campaign

RALEIGH — The Governor's Highway Safety Program announced today that state and local law enforcement officers issued 3,258 citations for driving while impaired during the "Booze It & Lose It" fall campaign, which began Aug. 17 and ended Sept. 4. A total of 100,455 traffic and criminal citations were issued statewide.

"I would like to applaud state and local law enforcement officers for all their efforts in helping our citizens understand the importance of not drinking and driving," said Darrell Jernigan, director of the GHSP. "The number of citations issued during this campaign sends a strong message that impaired drivers are being targeted, arrested and taken off our highways."

During the campaign, officers statewide conducted more than 9,000 sobriety checkpoints and stepped-up patrols. Counties with the highest number of DWI citations include: Mecklenburg (288), Wake (250) and Pitt (120).

While officers focused on impaired driving violations, they also cited motorists for a variety of other traffic and criminal offenses. Officers issued a total of 9,274 safety belt and 1,444 child passenger safety violations, as well as 30,703 speeding violations and 2,284 drug charges. Officers also apprehended 966 fugitives from justice and recovered 166 stolen vehicles.

FALL 2006 "BOOZE IT & LOSE IT" STATEWIDE TOTALS

Total Checkpoints Patrols	Driving While Impaired Violations	Safety Belt Violations	Child Passenger Safety Violations	Stolen Vehicles Recovered	Fugitives Arrested	Drug Violations	Total Criminal Violations	Speeding	Total Traffic & Criminal Violations
Aug. 17-Sept. 4	3,258	9,274	1,444	166	966	2,284	10,670	30,703	100,455

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For county-by-county citation data please see attached document. For information about "Booze It & Lose It" or for information regarding other North Carolina highway safety issues, call GHSP Public Information Officer Beth Horner at 919-733-3083 or visit their Web site at: www.ncdot.org/secretary/ghsp.

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